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DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that **directed fisheries for pink salmon will be closed for the 2013 season.**

The department has been monitoring chum salmon stocks throughout Southeast Alaska and has determined that chum salmon abundance in Cholmondeley Sound will allow a fishery in areas of District 2 to target returning fall chum salmon.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2013:**

District 2: will be **open within 2 nautical miles of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of the northernmost tip of Tolstoi Point located at 55°40.25' N. latitude and north of the latitude of Cape Chacon Light** with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: will be closed south of 55°15.00' N. latitude (this includes all waters of West Arm and Sunny Cove);

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light;

Thorne Bay, Tolstoi Bay, and contiguous waters: **will be closed.**

The department will continue to assess fall chum returns to Security Bay and Port Camden. Any fishing opportunities or updates for these areas will be announced in future news releases in conjunction with Cholmondeley Sound.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Thursday, September 12.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA, and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **may be retained** and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S6013.

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